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CODE ENFORCEMENT

H-7274 INTERIOR DESIGNERS (Winfield) This act would establish a board of design professionals to promulgate rules and regulations pertaining to the certification of interior designers. Corporations

H-7306 ELECTRICIANS (Kilmartin & Others) This act would amend certain provisions relative to the classification of electricians and the duties and work options available under various electrician classifications. Labor

S-2057 INTERIOR DESIGNERS (Tassoni & Others) This act would establish a board of design professionals to promulgate rules and regulations pertaining to the certification of interior designers. Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues

EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

H-7020 PRIVATE SCHOOLS (Picard) This act would permit students, who attend a private school, to participate as a member of a public school team if their private school does not field a team in that sport. H.E.W.

H-7035 STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL SETTING (Savage) This resolution would extend the reporting date of the special house commission to study all aspects of care of students in the school setting from February 1, 2004, to April 1, 2004, and said commission would expire on July 1, 2004. Read and Passed

H-7043 TARGETED SCHOOL AID (Corvese & Schadone) This act would change the district requirements for eligibility for targeted school aid. Finance

H-7154 MIDDLE SCHOOLS (Giannini & Others) This act would require school committees in every city/town to initiate policies to improve the educational performance of its middle schools. H.E.W.

H-7157 VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN (Naughton & Others) This resolution would extend the reporting date of the special house commission to promote and develop a comprehensive system of education for the visually impaired children from March 18, 2004, to March 18, 2005, and said commission would expire on May 18, 2005. H.E.W.

H-7158 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Savage & Others) This act would require, that in the creation of charter schools, the application submitted to the commissioner and the local school committee, pursuant to the creation of such a school, would include a description of a plan that would include measurable student academic goals. H.E.W.

H-7159 CHARTER SCHOOLS (Gallison & Others) This act would provide for a 7-member committee to review charter applications and provide that the commissioner, with the approval of the board of regents for elementary and secondary education, may approve amendments to the original charter application. It would also provide for municipal approval. H.E.W.

H-7170 SCHOOL-TO-CAREER PROGRAM (McNamara & Ginaitt) This act would provide a tax credit of 10% of the expenses, up to \$200, to private businesses which participate in a "Qualified School-to-Career Program". Finance

H-7173 TEXT BOOKS (Amaral & Others) This act would exempt from sales taxes any books purchased by or for students in grades K-12 if purchased at that student's school. Finance

H-7219 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (Gorham & Others) This act would require the state to annually pay for the tuition and related costs for students attending a state elementary or secondary vocational education school. The payments would be made directly to the respective schools. Finance

H-7225 RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Savage & Others) This act would require the state to appropriate to the cities and towns \$25,000 for each bed in a group home or facility home. Finance

H-7252 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Gallison & Others) This act would require that funding for charter public schools be approved by the voters of each local district at either a regularly scheduled financial town meeting or budget meeting. Finance

H-7271 SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS (Kilmartin & Others) This act would establish a school for pre-professional training in the performing, visual, literary and media arts. Finance

H-7272 ART HIGH SCHOOLS (Kilmartin & Others) This act would provide that the general assembly annually appropriate \$3,000,000 to any school district that creates an art high school. Finance

H-7298 STUDENT PERFORMANCE (McNamara & Others) This act would require the board of regents to adopt a strategic plan to improve the performance of students in mathematics, reading and writing skills in accordance with the provisions of the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001". H.E.W.

H-7301 HEALTHY WEIGHT PILOT PROGRAM (Dennigan & Others) This act would establish a pilot program to encourage physical exercise, and promote healthy weight levels in children. H.E.W.

H-7304 HEALTH EDUCATION (Dennigan & Others) This act would expand the areas of instruction in health and physical education for children in grades 1 through 12 who attend public schools to include instruction in human development and sexuality. H.E.W.

H-7305 HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Anguilla & Others) This act would require that school safety plans include policies and procedures for: (1) providing notice of threats of violence or harm to the subject of the threat; (2) disclosing certain information regarding a student's conduct; and (3) determining whether a given threat or conduct may be grounds for the suspension or expulsion of a student. H.E.W.

S-2038 RESIDENCY OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES (Blais) This act would permit all public school department employees to reside outside of the city/town of employment. Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government

S-2046 ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS (Polisena & Others) This act would require each school district to adopt a plan to create an alternative education program to educate students who are removed from the classroom because of a suspension of more than 10 days or who are chronically truant. Education

S-2066 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Tassoni & Others) This act would require the state to provide funding for the special education needs of a child who moves into a city/town after the school committee adopts its budget for the school year. Any additional funding would apply to that school year only. Finance

S-2092 SCHOOL-TO-CAREER PROGRAM (Tassoni & Others) This act would provide a tax credit of 10% of the expenses, up to \$200, to private businesses which participate in a "Qualified School-to-Career Program". Finance

S-2118 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (Fogarty & Others) This act would require the state to annually pay for the tuition and related costs for students attending a state elementary or secondary vocational education school. The payments would be made directly to the respective schools. Finance

S-2120 ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS (Celona) This act would create an alternative education program development fund to distribute money to up to 4 local or regionally operated school districts or collaboratives to plan and develop alternative education programs for students who are chronically truant and those suspended for more than 10 days. Each grant shall not exceed \$150,000. Finance

ELECTIONS

H-7232 DATE OF PRIMARIES (Gorham & Others) This act would change the month in which political parties would hold their primary elections from the designated day in September to June in even numbered years. Judiciary

H-7238 CHANGE OF DESIGNATION (Gorham & Others) This act would reduce the waiting period required for disaffiliation from a political party from 90 days to 29 days. Judiciary

ENVIRONMENT

H-7052 WATER POLLUTION: BOATS (Trillo & Others) This act would repeal provisions of the law that permit sewage effluent discharge from boats in certain conditions, and would further establish the "Clean Water Boating Assurance Act of 2004", which would provide for a certification of sewage holding tanks and which would prohibit sewage discharge from boats. Environment & Natural Resources

H-7161 DREDGE MATERIAL (Ginaitt & Others) This act would require the Solid Waste Corporation to contact CRMC prior to purchasing any cover material to determine whether there is a source of suitable dredged material available to use in place of the cover material. In addition, cities and towns shall contact the CRMC prior to closing city/town controlled dump sites to see if there is a source of suitable dredge material available, which shall be used in place of the purchased cover material. Environment & Natural Resources

H-7164 CRMC – PERMITTING (Gallison & Others) This act would require notice of coastal resources management council permit applications to all property owners within a 500' radius, as well as the municipality or municipalities in which the property is situated or which might be effected by the proposed activity. Environment & Natural Resources

S-2097 GROUND WATER PROTECTION AREAS (Sosnowski & Others) This act would add ground water protection areas delineated by local zoning ordinances as areas where solid waste disposal facilities are prohibited. Environment & Agriculture

FINANCE & TAXATION

H-7046 SCHOOL HOUSING PROJECT COSTS (McHugh & Story) This act would provide that for school housing projects approved after June 30, 2003, interest payments may be included for communities with a stand alone investment grade rating of at least A as established by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. Finance

H-7061 SCHOOL AID (Corvese) This act would require the state to provide aid to the several cities and towns for the cost of education on a graduated basis. Finance

H-7069 STATE MANDATES (Kilmartin & SanBento) This act would delay, for one calendar year, the effective date for any regulation if it has a fiscal impact on a municipality or school district. Finance

H-7072 EMISSIONS INSPECTION EQUIPMENT (Corvese) This act would exempt emissions inspection equipment mandated by law and used by emission inspection stations from taxation. Finance

H-7088 TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO TRUST (Lewiss & Others) This act would provide that a tax exemption created by either the general laws and/or a public law or municipal ordinance would not be affected by the transfer of property to a revocable living trust. The act would apply to any such transfer, regardless of when it is made. Finance

H-7186 OPEN SPACE LAND (Ginaitt) This act would revise the definition of what constitutes "open space land" pursuant to 44-27 of the General Laws. Corporations

H-7197 VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES (Moura & Others) This act would require that \$15,000,000 of video lottery revenue be contributed to the distressed communities relief program. Finance

H-7229 SCHOOL AID (Gorham & Others) This act would provide for an annual minimum 5% increase in state aid to education. Finance

H-7231 LOCAL MEALS AND BEVERAGE TAX (Gorham & Others) This act would repeal the 1% local meals and beverage tax. Finance

H-7263 URBAN INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT (Dennigan & Others) This act would create the "Urban Investment Tax Credit Act of 2004" for the purpose of stimulating investment in urban areas for homeownership and improvement of rental property in those areas. Finance

H-7265 SCHOOL HOUSING AID (Menard & Others) This act would increase state aid for new construction/expansion for school districts that experience at least 4% increase in enrollment for 3 consecutive years. Finance

H-7273 VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS (Dennigan & Others) This act would provide a property tax exemption for any veteran who served in any conflict or undeclared war after Bosnia without the necessity of a campaign ribbon or expeditionary medal having been awarded. Corporations

H-7283 ASSESSMENT UPDATES (Callahan & Gallison) This act would eliminate the 3-year updates of assessments of taxable real estate, and return to 10-year revaluations. Corporations

H-7336 LIBRARIES – STATE AID (Lewiss & Others) This act would require the state to increase matching funds to public libraries based on a public library's private endowment. Finance

S-2009 EMISSIONS INSPECTION EQUIPMENT (Celona) This act would exempt emissions inspection equipment mandated by law and used by emission inspection stations from taxation. Finance

S-2083 NEW REAL ESTATE CONSTRUCTION (Bates & Others) This act would permit all cities/towns to raise taxes on new real estate construction as soon as it is completed. Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government

S-2114 SCHOOL AID (Walaska & Others) This act would set a deadline for the appropriation of state aid to education for the various cities and towns. Finance

S-2117 SCHOOL AID (Fogarty & Others) This act would provide for an annual minimum 5% increase in state aid to education. Finance

LABOR RELATIONS

H-7307 SCHOOLTEACHERS' ARBITRATION (Menard & Others) This act would provide for the payment of certain costs pertaining to compulsory mediation. Labor

LIQUOR CONTROL & LICENSES

H-7006 RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES (Murphy & Others)

Sub A This act would give cities and towns a discretionary fee range for Class A, B, B-H, and E retail liquor licenses. This act would take effect upon passage, and would apply retroactively to licenses issued on or after December 1, 2003. Finance

H-7017 RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES (Picard) This act would permit cities and towns to use a discretionary fee range for the issuance of Class A, B, and B-H retail liquor licenses. Corporations

H-7276 CLASS B LIQUOR LICENSES (Trillo & Others) This act would eliminate the provisions whereby Class B license holders may seek a two o'clock (2:00) a.m. closing for Fridays, Saturdays, and the night before legal state holidays. Corporations

H-7328 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES GENERALLY (Lewiss & Others) This act would prohibit a licensee from obtaining a stay of a revocation, suspension or nonrenewal of a liquor license if the basis of the revocation, suspension or nonrenewal was the conviction of the licensee of the manufacture, sale or distribution of a controlled substance. Corporations

S-2077 HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS (Celona & Others) This act would mandate that no hawker or peddler sell any goods, wares, or merchandise with a retail value of more than \$300. Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government

S-2123 CLASS B LIQUOR LICENSES (Felag & Others) This act would provide a range of the cost for license fees for Class B liquor licenses, for those limiting the sale of beverages to malt and vinous beverages, from \$200 to \$1,500 annually as determined by each municipality. Constitutional & Gaming Issues

PLANNING & ZONING

H-7004 As

Amended LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Menard & Others) This act would specifically exclude private developers from the provisions of this section which would allow a single application process for the construction of low or moderate income housing. Placed on House Calendar

H-7005 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Gorham & Others) This act would allow a developer to apply for a special exception to build low/moderate income housing before the zoning board of review in lieu of separate applications to applicable local boards. The procedure would only be available to private developers if their proposals remain as rental housing for a period of thirty years. Corporations

H-7080 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (McHugh & Others) This act would repeal the "Rhode Island Low and Moderate Income Housing Act." Corporations

H-7123 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Gorham & Others) This act would remove the provisions of the general laws which were enacted in 2002 to streamline the process and procedure for approval of construction of low or moderate income housing by private developers. This act would also prohibit the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation from issuing letters of eligibility to for-profit developers for any such construction. Corporations

H-7134 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Petrarca) This act would allow the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation to issue to housing sponsors certificates of eligibility for subsidy pursuant to specific criteria. This act would further encourage the development of low and moderate income housing, through the local comprehensive planning process, and would establish a procedure for the submission and review of applications for low and moderate-income housing. Corporations

H-7136 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Lewiss & Others) This act would provide that a private developer shall be allowed to submit to a reviewing board a single application for a special exception only for low and moderate income housing proposals. Corporations

H-7191 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Winfield & Others) This act would place a moratorium on private builders submitting applications for comprehensive permits to zoning boards of review to build low or moderate income housing. Corporations

H-7216 PERSONAL WIRELESS SERVICE TOWERS (Gorham & Others) This act would provide notice to property owners of the placement, construction or modification of a personal wireless service tower within an expanding number of feet from the location of the tower depending on the height of the tower. Corporations

S-2012 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Tassoni & Others) This act would allow the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation to issue to housing sponsors certificates of eligibility for subsidy pursuant to specific criteria. This act would further encourage the development of low and moderate income housing, through the local comprehensive planning process, and would establish a procedure for the submission and review of applications for low and moderate-income housing. Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government

S-2013 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Celona & Others) This act would allow the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation to issue to housing sponsors certificates of eligibility for subsidy pursuant to specific criteria. This act would further encourage the development of low and moderate income housing, through the local comprehensive planning process, and would establish a procedure for the submission and review of applications for low and moderate-income housing. Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government

S-2037 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Polisena & Others) This act would provide an 18 month moratorium from the date of passage for all for-profit and non-profit developers on all single application comprehensive permits for low income housing. Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government

S-2039 HOUSING APPEALS BOARD (Polisena & Others) This act would make changes in the membership of the housing appeals board. Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government

S-2079 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Celona & Others) This act would require that every city/town in the state develop plans to comply with the 10% requirements for low and moderate income housing within 1 year of the effective date of the act, and would provide for a single 1 year extension within which to comply. This act would also impose a 2-year moratorium on for-profit applications for the construction of low and moderate-income housing, and would disqualify applications involving units for sale from the rental unit exemption. Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government

S-2121 ZONING APPEALS (Walaska & Others) This act would make technical changes to the zoning appeal law by replacing the word "hearing" with the word "appeal". Judiciary

S-2139 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Tassoni & Others) This act would provide for a moratorium on the use of comprehensive permit applications provided by private for-profit developers. Held On Desk

PUBLIC SAFETY

H-7030 JUVENILE RECORDS (Picard) This act would provide that the identity of any juvenile between the ages of 15 and 18 who has been found delinquent because of certain offenses on 2 or more occasions shall be made public. Judiciary

H-7044 ASSAULT UPON A PREGNANT WOMAN (Corvese & Others) This act would make assault on a pregnant woman causing her to suffer a miscarriage or stillbirth punishable by up to 30 years imprisonment. Judiciary

H-7065 USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES (Kilmartin & Others) This act would make unlawful the operation of nonhands-free mobile telephones while driving a motor vehicle or a bicycle. Corporations

H-7096 TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (McNamara & Kilmartin) This act would provide that any vehicle facing a red traffic arrow must stop and remain standing until the arrow turns green. Highway Safety

H-7101 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (Schadone & Others) This act would make it a felony for anyone to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence with a person under the age of 16. Judiciary

H-7102 ASSAULTS (Schadone & Others) This act would raise the age of a child assault victim from 10 to 16 years of age or younger. Judiciary

H-7106 INATTENTIVE DRIVING (Kilmartin & Others) This act would create a secondary motor vehicle offense, inattentive driving, punishable by a \$50 fine. Judiciary

H-7107 USE OF CELL PHONES (Kilmartin & SanBento) This act would prohibit the use of cell phones by minors during the operation of a motor vehicle. Judiciary

H-7113 UNATTENDED CHILDREN IN MOTOR VEHICLES (Schadone & Others) This act would make the abandonment of a child 5 years of age or younger in any unattended motor vehicle a misdemeanor. Judiciary

H-7114 WEAPONS (Palumbo & Others) This act would make it possible to transport pistols or revolvers within the state as long as the ammunition is transported in a different location within the vehicle not readily accessible from the passenger compartment. Judiciary

H-7119 TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (McNamara & Others) This act would prohibit the sale and use of traffic control signal preemption devices in the state. Persons violating the provisions of this act would be subject to a fine of not less than \$500. Judiciary

H-7137 TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (Ginaitt & Others) This act would fund comprehensive in-state services for individuals with traumatic brain injury by assessing an additional penalty of an additional ten dollars (\$10.00) for all speeding violations, and would increase the membership of the permanent advisory commission on traumatic brain injuries. Finance

H-7141 CORRECTIONAL CONSERVATION CORPS (McNamara & Others) This act would permit the Department of Corrections to enter into agreements with other local, state, and federal agencies so as to allow inmates to provide labor on conservation projects. Finance

H-7152 CRIMINALLY NEGLIGENT BATTERY (Ginaitt & Others) This act would make negligent acts causing serious bodily injury a felony. Judiciary

H-7156 DEFIBRILLATORS (McNamara & Others) This act would require health clubs, nursing homes, assisted living residences and public swimming pools to have defibrillators available on premises, and an employee qualified in its use. H.E.W.

H-7200 NURSING HOME PATIENTS (Palumbo & Others) This act would require nursing home administrators to report abuse of residents to the state police or the police department of the municipality where the abuse occurred. H.E.W.

H-7214 WEAPONS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS (Brien & Others) This act would criminalize the unlawful discharge of a firearm on school grounds if said discharge creates a substantial risk of death or serious personal injury to another person. Judiciary

H-7217 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTING AND RESCUE SERVICE (Long & Others) This act would prevent the state, any city or town or any labor organization from restricting any employee or member from engaging in volunteer firefighting or rescue services. Corporations

H-7222 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (Long & Others) This act would permit a volunteer firefighter to be allowed a deduction of a maximum of \$500 when contributing to a volunteer firefighter saving account. Finance

H-7223 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS TRAINING CREDIT (Long & Others) This act would provide a tax credit for employers who allow employees time off for volunteer firefighter training. Finance

H-7247 REGULATION OF BURNING IN OPEN FIRES (Gorham & Others) This act would permit open fires for the purpose of instruction, provided that such activity is under the direct control and supervision of qualified instructors who have obtained written permission of the director, and, further provided, that the material to be burned has tested negative for lead paint or hazardous substances. Environment & Natural Resources

H-7290 DNA DETECTION OF FELONY OFFENDERS (Dennigan & Others) This act would extend the applicability of the "DNA Detection of Felony Offender" chapter to include offenders convicted of any felony. Judiciary

H-7293 CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS (Anguilla & Others) This act would require the recording and preservation of interrogations conducted by law enforcement agencies where the individual subject to interrogation may, if convicted, be sentenced to life imprisonment. Judiciary

H-7295 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT (Kilmartin) This act would create a Domestic Violence Court within the District Court, and increase the number of Associate Judges in the District Court to preside over the Court from 12 to 14 judges. Judiciary

H-7323 REGULATION OF VICIOUS DOGS (Kilmartin & Shanley) This act would make changes to the regulation of vicious dogs. Corporations

H-7330 WEAPONS (Brien & Others) This act would make it unlawful for any person to knowingly receive, transport or possess any firearm which has had the importer's or manufacturer's serial number tampered with. Judiciary

H-7331 CAUSES OF ACTION (Anguilla & Others) This act would allow the attorney general to bring a civil action in the name of the state on behalf of persons subjected to ethnic or religious intimidation, and would establish within the department of attorney general an office of civil rights advocate. Judiciary

S-2010 SEXUAL OFFENDERS REGISTRATION (Celona) This act would amend "Megan's Law" by establishing a community notification and awareness fund which would reimburse cities and towns for the costs associated with the notification process of sexual offenders, and would require the offenders to pay the cost of notification to the fund as a condition of release, parole or probation. Finance

S-2053 RECKLESS DRIVING (Polisena & Others) This act would change the offenses of driving a motor vehicle recklessly, participating in drag racing, and operating a vehicle in an attempt to elude or flee from a traffic officer or police vehicle from misdemeanors to felonies. Judiciary

S-2054 MOTOR VEHICLES OFFENSES (Blais & Others) This act would prohibit persons with a prior drunk driving conviction from pleading to a current charge at the initial arraignment. Judiciary

S-2056 WEAPONS (Polisena & Others) This act would provide that a person possessing a license or permit for a concealed pistol or revolver issued by another state, which grants Rhode Island residents reciprocity with respect to concealed pistol permits, would be considered to have a valid concealed pistol permit in Rhode Island. Judiciary

S-2058 PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATION (Polisena & Others) This act would mandate that the Department of Health purchase and distribute automated external defibrillators to municipally-operated senior citizen centers, and to provide training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator use. Finance

S-2062 ANNUITIES TO DEPENDENTS (Tassoni & Others) This act would increase deceased firefighters' annuities. Finance

S-2080 CHILD CARE PROVIDERS (Celona & Connors) This act would require licensees to comply with local requirements for public safety, welfare and orderly conduct and operations in addition to state fire and health safety standards. Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government

S-2129 CRIMINALLY NEGLIGENT BATTERY (Polisena & Others) This act would create the crime of criminally negligent battery and define criminal negligence. Judiciary

RETIREMENT

H-7076 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Kilmartin) This act would allow teachers to purchase an additional 5 years of service. Finance

H-7082 ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY: POLICE & FIRE (Brien & Others) This act would require the applicant for retirement for accidental disability to file the application within 6 years of the occurrence that caused the injury. Labor

H-7224 ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY: TEACHERS & MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (Faria & Moura) This act would extend the time period for filing an application for an accidental disability retirement allowance for teachers' retirement system members and municipal employees from 5 to 6 years. Finance

H-7285 ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY: POLICE & FIRE (Corvese) This act would change the application process for disability benefits for police and fire personnel by requiring that the application be made within 5 years of the date of the alleged accident, or, if the injured police and/or fire person has returned to work, within 3 years of the date of the reinjury or aggravation. Corporations

S-2063 ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY (Tassoni & Others) This act would change the application process for disability benefits for police and fire personnel. Finance

S-2091 ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY (Tassoni & Others) This act would require the applicant for disability to file the application within 6 years of the occurrence that caused the injury. Finance

S-2093 ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY (Tassoni & Others) This act would extend the time period for filing an application for an accidental disability retirement allowance for teachers' retirement system members and municipal employees. Finance

TOWN & CITY CLERKS

H-7012 GENERAL RECORDING FEES (Menard & Others) This act would establish a \$12 condominium association lien recording fee and a \$12 condominium association lien discharge fee. Corporations

H-7074 GENERAL RECORDING FEES (Williamson) This act would provide that the recording fees for a lis pendens recorded by bailbondsmen shall be \$10. Corporations

H-7182 MUNICIPAL TAX LIEN CERTIFICATES (Lowe & SanBento) This act would increase from \$12 to \$25 the fee that a city/town may charge for a municipal tax lien certificate. Corporations

H-7248 HUNTING LICENSES (Moran & Others) This act would exempt full-time law enforcement officers from obtaining a certificate of competency for an initial hunting license. Environment & Natural Resources

H-7321 PROBATE COURTS (Lewiss & Others) This act would create a new exception to disclosure of health care records. H.E.W.

H-7329 MECHANICS' LIENS (Anguilla & Others) This act would require a mechanics' lien petitioner to file a petition to enforce said lien against the surety once a bond has been posted. Judiciary

MISCELLANEOUS

H-7015 CONDOMINIUM TRASH REMOVAL (Picard) This act would require municipalities providing residential trash pickup to provide the service to residential condominium units. Corporations

H-7019 REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (Picard) This act would allow cities and towns to provide motor vehicle license and registration renewal services. Corporations

H-7083 CONTRACTORS' BONDS (Corvese & Others) This act would amend the procedures for the calculation of retainers in regard to certain public works contracts. Labor

H-7084 SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAMS (Corvese & Others) This act would add a chapter to the Rhode Island General Laws for enforcement of safety awareness programs. Labor

H-7112 OPEN MEETINGS (McHugh) This act would define "individual" in the open meetings act to include any persons who are residents or nonresident owners of property over which a public body has supervision, control and jurisdiction or advisory power. Judiciary

H-7121 SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT (Dennigan & Others) This act would establish and create the "Prohibition of Smoking in Public Places of Employment Act". The act would prohibit smoking in most designated "public places". The act would also direct the Department of Health to both investigate alleged violations of the act, and assess fines upon finding violations. Labor

H-7212 HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE (Trillo & Others) This act would establish a task force charged with the creation of a quasi-public corporation which would provide health insurance coverage for all state, city and town employees. Corporations

H-7268 URBAN RENAISSANCE INVESTMENT TRUST FUND (Dennigan & Others)
This act would create the Urban Renaissance Investment Trust Fund which purpose is to support and facilitate and encourage private-sector investments in urban communities.
Finance

H-7288 PUBLIC RECORDS (Menard & Others) This act would allow the attorney general to initiate a complaint on behalf of the public interest pursuant to the inspection of a record of a public body. Judiciary

H-7308 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (Moura & Montanaro) This act would require contractors awarded a contract for public works to post the rights and remedies of employees not paid in compliance with the law. This act would also confer a private right of action for violation of the prevailing wage law. Labor

S-2007 AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS (Celona) This act would require an automatic lawn sprinkler system to be equipped with a rain sensor device that would automatically shut the system off in the event that a predetermined amount of rainfall occurs within a established time period. Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government

S-2023 ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE (Celona & Others) This act would permit cities and towns to continue to maintain the health benefits every employee had at the time of his/her call to active military service. Finance

S-2026 MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUND SAFETY (Blais) This act would provide grants to cities and towns for projects undertaken specifically to comply with the Department of Education's and Department of Health's joint health and environment recreational facility safety regulations, and/or to provide access for people with disabilities. Finance

S-2028 ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT SERVICES (Blais) This act would prohibit a government agency from engaging in any electronic commerce activity. Financial Services, Technology & Regulatory Issues

S-2029 WORKERS' SAFETY ACT (Sosnowski & Others) This act would establish and create the "Rhode Island Workers' Safety Act of 2004". Health & Human Services

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